

HOUSE BILL 3248
By Brown

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to lottery scholarships.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-4-9__.

(a) TSAC shall conduct a lottery scholarship day each school year. The purpose of such day shall be to inform high school students and their parents of financial assistance available from net lottery proceeds for attendance at eligible postsecondary institutions. The Tennessee higher education commission, the University of Tennessee system, and the state university and community college system shall provide assistance to TSAC in the planning and conducting of the event. TSAC may also seek assistance from community groups, churches, and the eligible independent postsecondary institutions in the planning and conducting of the annual lottery scholarship day and in encouraging students and parents to attend.

(b) On the annual lottery scholarship day, TSAC shall provide grade appropriate information concerning, but not limited to:

- (1) Eligibility requirements for the various lottery scholarships;
- (2) Admission standards for eligible postsecondary institutions, the differences between such standards and the eligibility requirements for scholarships, and the differences in admission standards among the eligible postsecondary institutions;

(3) Computation of grade point averages for lottery scholarship eligibility, both high school grade point averages for initial eligibility and college grade point averages for retention of scholarships; and

(4) Testing dates for the ACT and SAT, the differences between these tests, and the use of such tests in admission decisions by eligible postsecondary institutions.

(c) Twelfth grade students and their parents shall be provided workshops on filling out college applications and the FAFSA. Such students and their parents shall have the opportunity to complete the FAFSA at such workshops.

(d) TSAC shall enlist the assistance of the department of education, LEAs, and local schools in informing students on lottery scholarship day of the necessity of passing Gateway tests for graduation from high school and the consequences of failure to pass such tests with respect to further educational opportunities.

(e) At the conclusion of the lottery scholarship day, TSAC shall provide a list to each high school of the students from the school that attended the day in order that the high school may ensure that all students not attending receive information on lottery scholarships, college admission standards, and other requirements for college attendance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.